

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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11 Plaintiff,
12 v.
13 JUSTIN LEE TRIPP,
14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR11-0134-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's unopposed motion to seal (Dkt. No.
16 104) an exhibit to his motion to continue hearing (Dkt. No. 105).

17 "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files." W.D. Wash. Local
18 Civ. R. 5(g). To overcome this presumption, there must be a "compelling reason" for sealing
19 sufficient to outweigh the public's interest in disclosure. *Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp.,*
20 *LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1101 (9th Cir. 2016) (applying the "compelling reason" test to motions to
21 seal documents "more than tangentially related to the merits of a case"). Defendant seeks to
22 maintain under seal an exhibit to his motion to continue hearing because the exhibit contains
23 personal medical records. (Dkt. No. 104.) The Court finds that the personal, sensitive nature of
24 Defendant's medical records is a compelling reason to seal Defendant's exhibit that outweighs
25 the public's interest in its disclosure.

26 For the foregoing reasons, Defendant's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 104) is GRANTED. The

1 Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Number 105 under seal.

2 DATED this 5th day of March 2019.

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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